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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 4943

1. FERGUSON CALLED ON SIR LOUIS MBANEFO MAY 31  
OUTSKIRTS OF ORLU.

2. PUT TO SIR LOUIS QUESTION: WHAT IS POSITION  
BIAFRAN GOVT RE: APPLICABILITY GENEVA CONVENTIONS TO  
OIL WORKERS? SIR LOUIS REPLIED: WOULD THE U. S. G.  
ACCEPT THE SIGNATURE OF BIAFRA ON THE CONVENTIONS?  
FERGUSON REPLIED: HE SURE U. S. G. WOULD WELCOME SUCH  
MOVE BUT SIR LOUIS KNEW AS MATTER OF INTERNATIONAL  
LAW SUCH A REACTION WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE RECOGNITION.  
SIR LOUIS THEN INDICATED BIAFRA ADHERED TO  
CONVENTIONS AS MATTER OF INTERNAL POLICY.

3. FERGUSON INDICATED THAT UNDER CONVENTIONS  
CIVILIAN OIL WORKERS ENTITLED TO RELEASE AND REPATRIATION.  
SIR LOUIS REPLIED THAT QUESTION WAS WHETHER WITHIN  
CONVENTION. IF MERCENARIES NOT ENTITLED TO PROTECTION  
DUE CIVILIANS BUT ONLY RIGHTS OF POW, FERGUSON ASKED IF  
QUESTION OF STATUS WAS POINT OF INVESTIGATION AND IF SO  
WHAT INVESTIGATION REVEALED. SIR LOUIS REPLIED THAT  
INVESTIGATION COMPLETED 29 MAY AND PASSED TO OJUKWU.

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SAID HE DID NOT KNOW RESULTS AND FERGUSON WOULD HAVE TO ASK OJUKWU. SIR LOUIS ADDED THAT SOME EVIDENCE OIL COMPANIES WORKING HAND IN GLOVE WITH NIGERIA IN PROSECUTING WARI AGAINST BIAFRA.

4. FERGUSON ASKED SIR LOUIS IF HIS GOVT WOULD PERMIT VISIT TO WORKERS AS REQUIRED UNDER CONVENTION. SIR LOUIS ASKED WHO WOULD MAKE VISIT. FERGUSON REPLIED REPRESENTATIVE OF ICRC OR EVEN FERGUSON. SIR LOUIS INDICATED QUESTION WOULD HAVE TO BE PUT TO OJUKWU. THEN LAUNCHED INTO LONG DISCOURSE ON "ALL THESE GOVTS WHICH DENIED EXISTENCE OF BIAFRA NOW CRAWLING ON BEHALF OF 18 WHITE LACKEYS". WAS PARTICULARLY BITTER AGAINST U THANT. SAID WHY DIDN'T U THANT ADDRESS A NOTE TO BIAFRA DIRECTLY. THEN, SIR LOUIS SAID, WE WOULD HAVE REPLIED THIS MATTER OIL WORKERS IS AN INTERNAL AFFAIR, CITING U THANT. ADDED "WOULD TAKE A GREAT DEAL OF PATIENCE TO EVEN LISTEN TO ALL THOSE WHO JUST DAY BEFORE WOULDN'T EVEN RECOGNIZE THAT BIAFRA EXISTED."

5. ASKED SIR LOUIS IF HE HAD PARTICIPATED IN INVESTIGATION. SAID "NO". OTHER COMMENTS WERE: WORKERS TAKEN IN THREE SEPARATE OPERATIONS, HAD TWO WITNESSES THAT WORKERS WERE IN ARMED ACTIONS WITH NIGERIAN FORCES AGAINST BIAFRANS; EVIDENCE INDICATED NIGERIANS KILLED MISSING WORKERS; STORY THAT WORKERS BEING HELD FOR MONEY BIASED WHITE STORIES -- WOULD NOT ACCEPT MONEY -- WOULD BE INSULTED.

6. COMMENT: IMPLICATION IS THHAT "RECOGNITION" BIAFRA KEY FACTOR. MAY BE QUESTION WHETHER "INVESTIGATION" WAS IN FACT TRIAL.

7. FERGUSON UNDER BRIEF MIG STRAFING ATTACK APPROXIMATELY 1305 SATURDAY 31ST OUTSKIRTS ORLU. UNINJURED. NO BOMBS OR ROCKETS IN AREA. FERGUSON AT HOME DR. JAGGI, ICRC, AT TIME. HOUSE TWO HUNDRED YARDS FROM MILITARY PETROLEUM DUMP. MIG MADE TWO PASSES OVER HOUSE. NO STRAFING ON SECOND PASS. ATTACK CAUSED LOSS OF APPETITE.  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 4986

1. FOLLOWING REPORT OF CONVERSATION HELD WITH  
DR. AKPAN (PHONETIC), CHIEF SECRETARY TO OJUKWU,  
MONDAY 1:30 A.M. AT OJUKWU'S HQ.

2. FERGUSON EXPRESSED AKPAN EXTREME DISAPPOINTMENT  
WITH BIAFRAN REPS AND ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR VISIT  
(SEE SEPTEL)

PARTICULARLY FERGUSON ANNOYED AT

CONTRIVANCE WHICH PREVENTED FERGUSON SEEING OJUKWU  
PRIVATELY ON MATTERS EXTREME URGENCY, SITE FOR  
SURFACE ROUTE ALKS AND CASE OF THE OIL WORKERS.

3. AKPAN APOLOGIZED INDICATING MANY GOVT PROBLEMS,  
BREAKDOAN OF PROTOCOL OFFICE, DISLOCATION OF GOVT

OFFICES CAUSED BY MOVE TO OAEERRI, ETC.

4. FERGUSON ASKED AKPAN WHAT WAS STATUS OF OIL  
WORKERS. REPLIED "THEY HAVE BEEN CONDEMNED" FERGUSON  
ASKED MEANING OF CONDEMNED -- WAS THERE A TRIAL AND  
SENTENCE OR WAS MATTER JUST A FORMAL ACCUSATION AS  
RESULT

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OF MAS -9 REPORT OF INVESTIGATING PANEL? AKPAN REPLIED: "THEY HAVE BEEN CONDEMNED, ONLY OJUKWU CAN CHANGE CONDEMNATION." ASKED: WHAT WAS SENTENCE IMPOSED BY CONDEMNATION. REPLY: "IT'S CONDEMNATION." (FERGUSON SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED HE MADE ANNOUNCEMENT LATER MONDAY OF DEATH SENTENCE.)

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY AKPAN INDICATED NO VISITATION WOULD BE PERMITTED BY RED CROSS OR FERGUSON. FERGUSON ASKED WHAT PARTIES WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IN DISCUSSIONS RE RELEASE AND REPATRIATION. AKPAN REPLIED "ONLY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ITALIAN GOVT HERE IN BIAFRA ARE ACCEPTABLE. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT EVEN OUR GOOD FRIENDS AS INTERMEDIARIES." ASKED: IF ANY KIND OF EXCHANGE WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SECURE RELEASE, AKPAN REPLIED: "NO. WE ARE NOT INHUMANE. WE ARE NOT CASTRO."

6. AKPAN THEN REQUESTED OF FERGUSON RE SITES FOR DISCUSSION SURFACE ROUTES: "HOLD OFF FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS. I WILL TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH H.E. (OJUKWU); WILL LET YOU KNOW SOMETHING ON ACCRA OR MONROVIA IN A FEW DAYS." FERGUSON TOLD AKPAN TO COMMUNICATE THROUGH OTUE. FERGUSON ASKED IF H.E. HAD RECEIVED FERGUSON LETTER AND MEMO FROM OTUE. AKPAN REPLIED YES. OF COURSE. IT CAME IN BY AIR AND THE NEXT DAY I GOT SAME THING FROM YOUR COURIER.

7. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ASAP RE GENERAL TALKS WITH COOKEY MONDAS AND ARIKPO-GOWON TALKS HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 3. GP-3 OLSON

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SUBJECT: Reported Nigerian Army Doctor Request for Aid to War Wounded

REF: Lagos 4438

1. Reuters item May 26 reported in FBIS 27 May states that Nigerian Army doctors have appealed for foreign medical personnel to help treat swelling numbers of wounded Federal soldiers. According to report, request was made directly by Federal army doctors to British High Commission and Amembassy, as well as to ICRC. Somewhat similar report in Apple article, mentioned Nigeria Press Summary June 3.
2. Request Embassy provide details of any direct or indirect approach to USAID or Embassy by Nigerian army doctors or other officials for assistance to FMG war wounded.

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SUBJECT: Apple Story on/Military Medical Assistance - Press Guidance

1. NYTimes of June 3 carries R.W. Apple story reported septel on mounting military casualties, quoting informed sources to effect U.S. and UK have been informally approached for medical assistance for such casualties.
2. Should story occasion press inquiries here, Dept prepared state with respect medical military assistance for military war casualties in Nigeria we understand one or two private organizations may have been approached to discuss assistance in this area. There has been no formal approach by the Nigerian Govt to the U.S. Govt.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L YAOUNDE 940

SUBJ: SWEDISH PLANES IN NIGERIAN CIVIL WAR

1. UNCONFIRMED STORIES CIRCULATING YAOUNDE THAT SWEDISH PLANES BOMBING NIGERIA HAVE USED SANTA ISABEL AIRPORT FOR STAGING AREA.
2. THESE STORIES MAY BE BASED SOLELY ON COINCIDENCE OF SWEDEN'S ASSOCIATION WITH RELIEF ACTIVITIES AND ICRC FLIGHTS OPERATING FROM SANTA ISABEL.

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF; ICELANDIC STOCKFISH

REF: REYKJAVIK 264, 268; STATE 087719; GENEVA 1712; OSLO 2134

1. NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR ASKED TO TALK TO ME 2 JUNE REGARDING STOCKFISH. HE REITERATED HIS CONCERN OVER STRONG ICELANDIC FEELING ABOUT COMPETITION FROM NORWEGIAN STOCKFISH GIFTS FOR NIGERIAN RELIEF. SAID GOI HAD NEVER RAISED MATTER WITH HIM OFFICIALLY BUT HIGH OFFICIALS HAD MENTIONED SUBJECT REPEATEDLY ON PRIVATE BASIS. HAD ALSO JUST LEARNED ICELANDIC COMMERCE MINISTRY HAD ASKED NORWEGIAN COUNTERPART FOR STATISTICS. NORWEGIAN REPLY REPORTED GON HAD GIVEN 11,000 TONS OF STOCKFISH WORTH 52.8 MILLION NORWEGIAN KRONUR FOR NIGERIAN RELIEF. FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE PRIVATE DONATIONS.

2. AT HIS REQUEST I OUTLINED US POLICY ON ICELANDIC STOCKFISH. HE ASKED FOR SOMETHING IN WRITING AS BASIS TO TAKE UP MATTER WITH HIS GOVT BUT I POINTED OUT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR ME OR USG TO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE NORWEGIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO NIGERIAN RELIEF OR TO BECOME INVOLVED IN A NORWEGIAN-ICELANDIC

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PROBLEM. AMBASSADOR AGREED AND SAID HE WOULD TAKE UP QUESTION WITH OSLO ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE TO MAKE SURE GON WAS AWARE OF STRONG ICELANDIC FEELINGS ON THIS SUBJECT. HOWEVER, HE HAS CHANGED MIND ABOUT SUGGESTING GON PURCHASE ICELANDIC STOCKFISH (REYKUAVIK 264).

3. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING HIS INSTRUCTIONS IN OSLO BEFORE HIS RECENT ARRIVAL HERE HAD BEEN TO CALL TO GON ATTENTION ANY ICELANDIC REQUESTS OR NEED FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND HE FELT THIS PROBLEM FELL IN THAT CATEGORY.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 690

SUBJECT: EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT IN RELIEF SHIPMENTS TO BIAFRA

REF: STATE 108124 AND LIBREVILLE 679

1. APPRECIATE DEPT'S ACTION REPORTED STATE 108124.

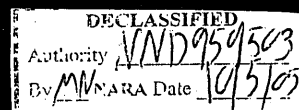
2. CATCHPOOL AND FAREED DEPARTED GABON FOR BIAFRA IN  
FRENCH RED CROSS PLANE EVENING OF JUNE 30. AS NOTED  
LIBREVILLE 679, PRIOR DEPARTURE CATCHPOOL ASSURED US  
ARRANGEMENTS MADE DIRECTLY WITH FRENCH RED CROSS FOR SHIPMENT  
SUPPLIES BIAFRA VIA LIBREVILLE AND NO INVOLVEMENT EMBASSY  
REQUESTED OR NECESSARY.  
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FOR U/CF AND AID/NIGERIA HELEN WILSON

SUBJECT: NIGERIA RELIEF - STOCKFISH

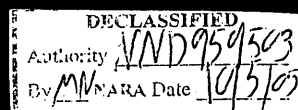
1. AMMANN (ICRC) RECEIVED OVER WEEKEND PHONE CALL FROM ICELAND FISH COOP DIRECTOR (AMMANN WAS NOT SURE OF NAME - THOUGHT IT SOUNDED LIKE HALVERSON) WHO PRESENTLY IN GENEVA. DIRECTOR DECLARED READINESS MEET IMMEDIATELY NIGERIA STOCKFISH RELIEF NEEDS, REQUESTED INFO HOW MUCH ICRC COULD ACCEPT AND ASKED FOR SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS. AMMANN COUNTERED THAT HE HAD NO REPEAT NO FUNDS AND THUS WAS UNABLE PLACE ANY ORDERS. DIRECTOR STATED GOI IN DIRECT CONTACT US EMBASSY REYKJAVIK AND WASHINGTON. GOI PREPARED GUARANTEE ALL COSTS IN CASE USG DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE NECESSARY FUNDS TO ICRC. AMMANN STATED ICRC NEEDED 500 TONS COTONOU AND 1,000 TONS SANTA ISABEL FOR JULY DISTRIBUTION, AND FOR REBUILDING RESERVES BUT RE-EMPHASIZED THAT HE WOULD REFUSE SIGN ANY DOCUMENT INVOLVING ORDER. DIRECTOR REPLIED GOI COULD AND WOULD SHIP THESE QUANTITIES ON BASIS NEED WITHOUT ICRC ORDER.

2. COMMENT: WE ASSUME THIS REPRESENTS GOI "TOUR DE FORCE" MANEUVER AND BILL WILL FORWARDED BY GOI TO USG. TUBBY

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FOR AMB FERGUSON

1. PLEASE ADVISE ITINERARY ESPECIALLY ETA AND HOTEL REQUIREMENTS  
GENEVA.

2. UNDERSTAND ICRC HAS NOT REPEAT NOT YET DECIDED RE COMPOSITION  
DELEGATION FOR HAGUE MEETING. NAVILLE, FREYMOND, LINDT WILL MEET  
AGAIN LATER TODAY TO DISCUSS SUBJECT. WILL REPORT DECISION ASAP.  
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FROM GUTMAN

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF - FINANCIAL DATA

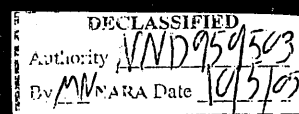
1. LAST WEEK FREY/GERBER ASKED FOR SPECIAL US CONTRIBUTION FINANCE FIFTY TRUCKS FOR BIAFRA OPERATION IN PARTIAL REPLACEMENT WORN OUT OR DEADLINED EQUIPMENT. WE POINTED OUT THIS ITEM SHOULD BE PART OVER-ALL BUDGET PROJECTION INCLUDING JUSTIFICATION FOR 50 RATHER THAN 30 OR 70 VEHICLES, SPARE PART REQUIREMENTS, OPERATING MAINTENANCE COSTS, AVAILABILITY TECHNICAL PERSONNEL FOR ENLARGED OPERATION, ETC., ETC.

2. AT FREY'S INSISTENCE ICRC HAS BORROWED SWISS ARMY TRANSPORTATION EXPERT TO MAKE IMMEDIATE ON SPOT SURVEY ACTUAL EQUIPMENT NEEDS IN BIAFRA ENCLAVE, ESTABLISH CONDITION PRESENT ROLLING STOCK, CHECK MAINTENANCE STANDARDS ETC., PREPARE DETAILED LIST EQUIPMENT AND PARTS NEEDED AND COME UP WITH FINANCIAL STATEMENT PAST TRANSPORT OPERATIONS AS WELL AS NEW BUDGET. LUXINGER (PHONETIC) TO ARRIVE BIAFRA ON JUNE 3.

3. ON DAILY BASIS WE HAVE CONTINUED POINT OUT NEED AND ADVANTAGES PREPARE COST BREAKDOWN PAST MONTHS, ESTABLISH EXPERIENCE FACTORS AND USE THESE DATA FOR FORWARD PROJECTIONS CONNECTION NEW SIX MONTHS PLAN. RE-EMPHASIZED NEED HAVE CONCRETE REPEAT CONCRETE

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FIGURE ESTIMATES IN HAND FOR HAGUE MEETING.

4. APPARENT LACK RUDIMENTARY BUDGET PAST AND FUTURE OPERATIONS IN PRESENTABLE FORM (UNDERLINED BY OUR CONSTANT PRESSURE) HAS NOW BECOME SOURCE EMBARRASSMENT AND GREAT CONCERN TO FREY. IN ABSENCE SCHAEGLER WHO STILL IN SANTA ISABEL, FREY IN CHARGE NEW SIX MONTHS PLAN. HE HAS FINALLY OBTAINED ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT PRIORITY FOR NIGERIA OPERATION AND EXPECTS COST BREAKDOWN OPERATIONS PAST MONTHS BY COB JUNE 4.

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FROM GUTMAN

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF - FINANCIAL DATA

1. LAST WEEK FREY/GERBER ASKED FOR SPECIAL US CONTRIBUTION FINANCE FIFTY TRUCKS FOR BIAFRA OPERATION IN PARTIAL REPLACEMENT WORN OUT OR DEADLINED EQUIPMENT. WE POINTED OUT THIS ITEM SHOULD BE PART OVER-ALL BUDGET PROJECTION INCLUDING JUSTIFICATION FOR 50 RATHER THAN 30 OR 70 VEHICLES, SPARE PART REQUIREMENTS, OPERATING MAINT. FOBODF DPTUT, BWBUMBCEJMUJZ UFDIOUDBM QFSTPOOFM GPS FOMBSHFE OPERATION, ETC., ETC.

2. AT FREY'S INSISTENCE ICRC HAS BORROWED SWISS ARMY TRANSPORTATION EXPERT TO MAKE IMMEDIATE ON SPOT SURVEY ACTUAL EQUIPMENT NEEDS IN BIAFRA ENCLAVE, ESTABLISH CONDITION PRESENT ROLLING STOCK, CHECK MAINTENANCE STANDARDS ETC., PREPARE DETAILED LIST EQUIPMENT AND PARTS NEEDED AND COME UP WITH FINANCIAL STATEMENT PAST TRANSPORT OPERATIONS AS WELL AS NEW BUDGET. LUXINGER (PHONETIC) TO ARRIVE BIAFRA ON JUNE 3.

3. ON DAILY BASIS WE HAVE CONTINUED POINT OUT NEED AND ADVANTAGES PREPARE COST BREAKDOWN PAST MONTHS, ESTABLISH EXPERIENCE FACTORS AND USE THESE DATA FOR FORWARD PROJECTIONS CONNECTION SIX MONTHS PLAN. RE-EMPHASIZED NEED HAVE CONCRETE REPEAT CONCEPT

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FIGURE ESTIMATES IN HAND FOR HAGUE MEETING.

4. APPARENT LACK RUDIMENTARY BUDGET PAST AND FUTURE OPERATIONS IN PRESENTABLE FORM (UNDERLINED BY OUR CONSTANT PRESSURE) HAS NOW BECOME SOURCE EMBARRASSMENT AND GREAT CONCERN TO FREY. IN ABSENCE SCHAEGLER WHO STILL IN SANTA ISABEL, FREY IN CHARGE NEW SIX MONTHS PLAN. HE HAS FINALLY OBTAINED ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT PRIORITY FOR NIGERIA OPERATION AND EXPECTS COST BREAKDOWN OPERATIONS PAST MONTHS BY COB JUNE 4.  
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SUBJECT: NIGERIA RELIEF - STOCKFISH

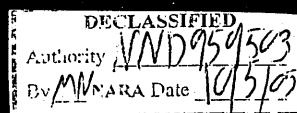
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1. BASED GUIDANCE RECEIVED FROM AMB FERGUSON WE HAVE DISCUSSED  
REQUIREMENTS WITH ICRC ONLY IN QUANTITATIVE TERMS. AID/W IAD  
REQUEST \$675,000 NEVER MENTIONED TO ICRC ESPECIALLY SINCE ICRC  
CONTRIBUTION IN KIND PROJECTIONS DIFFERED FROM WASHINGTON'S  
(REF 2 AND 3). THUS ASSUME ANY KNOWLEDGE BY GOI OF SPECIFIC  
FUTURE US CONTRIBUTIONS WAS OBTAINED FROM OTHER SOURCES OR SOME-  
HOW INTERPOLATED.  
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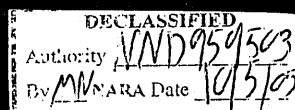
1. REPLY DELAYED UNTIL WE COULD CHECK ALLEGATIONS REFTEL PARA 2 WITH AMMANN.

2. AMMANN STATES THERE WAS NO REPEAT NO REFERENCE TO US MISSION OFFICERS IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GISLASON WITH SINGLE EXCEPTION. AMMANN EXPLAINED TO GISLASON HE HAD TO DROP 48 HOUR SHIP CHARTER OPTION WHEN LENT/GUTMAN COULD NOT TELL WITHIN DEADLINE THAT US FUNDS AVAILABLE. (REF 3) NOTE: AMMANN HAS BEEN COMPLETELY ABOVE BOARD WITH US IN PAST DEALINGS; WE HAVE NO REPEAT NO DOUBT HIS ACCOUNT IS FACTUAL. AMMANN MENTIONED THAT MEETING CONSISTED LARGELY "GISLASON MONOLOGUE RE ICELANDIC DEVALUATION AND US BASE KEFLEVIK" WHICH HE AND BASSET HAD HARD TIME FOLLOW AND WHICH " COMPLETELY UNCONNECTED ICRC RELIEF ACTION NIGERIA/BIAFRA".

3. AS PRESENTED BY GISLASON IN DISCUSSION WITH US OFFICERS, GOI SEEMS CONSTRUE PARA 8 IN US NOTE OF APRIL 25 (REF 4) "USG WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE ICRC AND OTHER NIGERIAN RELIEF DONORS TO PURCHASE ICELANDIC STOCKFISH TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE IS NEED FOR

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STOCKFISH IN THE NIGERIAN RELIEF PROGRAM. THE US IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE IC FOR THIS PURPOSE" TO MEAN ALL REPEAT ALL STOCKFISH REQUIREMENTS PERIOD. AS REPORTED REF 1 HE EXPRESSED QUITE EMPHATICALLY THAT CANADA AND NORWAY SHOULD MAKE CONTRIBUTION OTHER THAN STOCKFISH. HE STATED GON IN CONTRAST TO GOI WAS SUBSIDIZING FISH INDUSTRY BUT HE DID NOT ACKNOWLEDGE QUERY WHETHER DONATION SHIFT MIGHT RAISE DOUBLE FUNDING ISSUE FOR GON.

4. AS REPORTED GISLESON INFERRED RATHER BLUNTLY THAT USG HAD RENEGED ON SECRETARY'S COMMITMENT TO BENEDIKTSON. MISSION ASSUMES THAT UNFOUNDED ALLEGATIONS REF 1 PARA 2 ARE GOI EFFORT PERMIT USG SAVE FACE (OVER "BROKEN PROMISE") BY USING TRADITIONAL DIPLOMATIC FORMULA OF PLACING BLAME FOR "MISUNDERSTANDING" ON OPERATING LEVEL OFFICIALS.

5. AMMANN ICRC HAS ASKED US WHETHER HE SHOULD MAKE NEW APPEAL FOR STOCKFISH TO POTENTIAL DONORS SWEDEN, DENMARK, GERMANY, ETC. VIEW SENSITIVITY ICELAND ISSUE WE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT REPLIED. MISSION REQUESTS URGENTLY SPECIFIC GUIDANCE THIS ISSUE I.E. SHOULD ICRC ACTIVELY SEEK STOCKFISH/CODFISH DONATIONS OR ONLY ACCEPT IF OFFERED. WILL APPRECIATE PROMPT REPLY.  
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FOR FERGUSON

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF HAGUE MEETING

REF: GENEVA 1718

1. JUST LEARNED ICRC WILL BE REPRESENTED BY AMB. LINDT. HE WILL  
BE ACCOMPANIED BY 1-2 YET UNNAMED STAFF MEMBERS. TO PRESERVE  
BUDDING WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH UTTERLY RANK CONSCIOUS ICRC  
STRUCTURE BELIEVE GUTMAN SHOULD ATTEND IF SCHAEGLER, FREY,  
BASSET OR AMMANN ACCOMPANY LINDT. ADVISE PRIORITY.  
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FOR FERGUSON FROM GUTMAN

HAVE JUST RECEIVED INVITATION FOR YOU AND YOUR STAFF TO ATTEND  
4TH PLENARY JCA CONFERENCE AT LUZERNE ON JUNE 12 AND 13. DURING  
YOUR LAST STOP IN GENEVA YOU INDICATED TO CHENARD YOU HOPED TO  
ATTEND. PLEASE ADVISE. FORM LETTER INVITATION ALSO REQUESTS  
PROPOSALS FOR POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS. TUBBY

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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 2119  
LAGOS FOR FERGUSON AND DEWEY

SUBJ: NIGERIA -- HAGUE GROUP MEETING

1. MFA'S HUYDECOPER INFORMED EMBASSY THIS EVENING THAT ITALIANS HAVE APPROACHED LUNS TODAY WITH (A) URGENT REQUEST TO CANCEL JUNE 5 HAGUE GROUP MEETING AND (B) EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT STATEMENT CAN BE ISSUED MAKING CLEAR IT INAPPROPRIATE DISCUSS HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO BIAFRA IN THIS FORUM WHILE BIAFRANS HOLDING 18 OIL WORKERS HOSTAGE. HUYDECOPER SAID GERMANS SUPPORT CANCELLATION OF MEETING BUT HAVE EXPRESSED SOME DOUBTS ON ISSUANCE OF STATEMENT. OTHER HAGUE GROUP MEMBERS WILL BE CONSULTED TOMORROW.

(JUNE 4). WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS RE (B).

2. HUYDECOPER THINKS IT ALMOST CERTAIN MEETING WILL BE CANCELLED AND ASKED THIS BE BROUGHT TO FERGUSON'S ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY SO THAT HE COULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY RECONSIDER TRAVEL PLANS. HUYDECOPER BELIEVES IT MIGHT STILL BE USEFUL FOR FERGUSON TO COME TO THE HAGUE TO MEET WITH MFA OFFICIALS AND TO BRIEF HAGUE GROUP EMBASSIES INFORMALLY. HE ALSO NOW BELIEVES OFF THE RECORD MEETING WITH DUTCH PARLIAMENTARIANS MIGHT BE USEFUL (HAGUE 2085).

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3. IT DIFFICULT PREDICT NOW WHEN HAGUE GROUP MEETING MIGHT BE RESCHEDULED; THIS WOULD PRESUMABLY NOT BE BEFORE PROBLEM OF OIL WORKERS RESOLVED.

4. HUYDECOPER ADDED HE HAD HEARD STORY THAT GABON CONSIDERING THREAT TO CUT OFF FLIGHT TO BIAFRA FROM LIBREVILLE IF BIAFRANS DO NOT REPENT.

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SUBJ: FLETCHER AND CORNELLY

FOR FLAHERTY FROM WOOD

1. ROOMS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED AT FPH  
COMMENCING 8 JUNE.

2. REQUEST ETA LAGOS AIRPORT OF PARTY

AND WILL MEET UPON ARRIVAL.  
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SUBJECT: JOHN U. D. PAGE

REFERENCE: STATE 087226

1. ONE YEAR CYCLIC OVERHAUL RECOMMENDED BY  
MANUFACTURER ON ALL NEW INSTALLATIONS. THEREAFTER  
TWO YEAR CYCLIC OVERHAUL.

2. GUARANTEE NEGOTIATED AT TIME OF INSTALLATION  
COVERS MANUFACTURER TO RENEW ALL WORN PARTS AFTER  
ONE YEAR OPERATION. IN CONSIDERATION OF REE TEL,  
PARA. 1A, DO NOT BELIEVE THIS TO BE OF MAJOR  
IMPORTANCE AND RECOMMEND CYCLIC OVERHAUL BE POST-  
PONED SIX MONTHS.

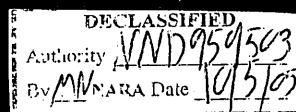
3. DURING LAST ANNUAL NO BOTTOM PLATING WAS  
RENEWED. DAMAGED LONGITUDINAL, TRANSVERSE AND DECK  
SUPPORT FRAMING IN CENTER LINE VOIDS ONE AND TWO  
WERE RENEWED, FRAME SPACING WAS NOT ALTERED. DISHED  
BOTTOM PLATING WAS WITHIN ABS LIMITS AND THEREFORE  
NOT RENEWED. DAMAGE IN CENTER LINE VOID  
THREE WAS NEGLIGIBLE AND NOT REPAIRED.  
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1000 HOURS VICE 1080 HOURS, JUNE 2. VICE JUNE --)

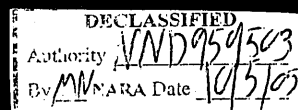
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FERGUSON DEPARTED COTONOU BY AUTO FOR LAGOS 1000 HOURS  
JUNE 2. EMBASSY LAGOS CAN PROVIDE DETAILS FUTURE SCHEDULE.  
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SUBJ: MARCH ON SWEDISH EMBASSY.

1. ABOUT ONE HUNDRED DEMONSTRATORS CARRYING TEN RED FLAGS AND THIRTY PLACARDS MARCHED FROM TINUBU SQUARE TO SWEDISH EMBASSY ON CAMPBELL STREET, LAGOS, TUESDAY AFTERNOON ABOUT FOUR THIRTY TO PROTEST "INTERFERENCE INTO NIGERIAN AFFAIRS". DEMONSTRATORS BURNED SWEDISH FLAG, SHOUTED SLOGANS, DISTRIBUTED MIMEOGRAPHED COPIES OF: A) PROTEST NOTE TO SWEDISH AMBASSADOR SIGNED BY ULC PRESIDENT ALHAJI ADEBOLA, CHIEF OKAFOR FOR LAGOS IBO COMMUNITY, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF LAGOS MARKET WOMEN, UNILAG STUDENT UNION, COMMITTEE OF IBO INTELLECTUALS, ETC; B) LETTER IN USUAL TERMS TO CHIEF OF STATE ADVISING HIM OF DEMONSTRATION; AND C) PRESS RELEASE DATED JUNE 3 REPORTING "MASSIVE ANTI-SWEDISH PROTEST DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY CROSS SECTION OF NIGERIAN COMMUNITIES."

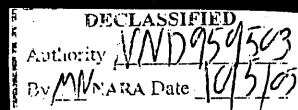
2. MARCH WAS PEACEFUL. NO INCIDENTS. FOUR VANS (100) POLICE IN RIOT OUTFITS PRESENT. ULC PRESIDENT ADEBOLA, GENSECY ODEYEMI AND COMMUNIST NTUC PRESIDENT GOODLUCK LEADING MARCHERS. LARGEST REPRESENTATION NTUC.

3. MARCH APPARENTLY ORGANIZED BY FMG. MIMEOGRAPHED MATERIAL MENTIONED ABOVE WAS ON WHAT APPEARED BE SAME STATIONERY AS USED IN MININFO PRESS RELEASES. ORGANIZATION MATERIAL, FORMAT, AND TYPING SEEMED BE SAME. EXHIBITS BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT.  
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REF: A. DEPT 088758 B. THE HAGUE 2024

1. FERGUSON AGREES MEET JUNE 5 WITH M.P.'S 10:30 AM. JUNE 5 IF DOES NOT COMPLICATE RELATIONS WITH HAGUE GROUP. FYI: WILL NOT DISCUSS DETAILS ANY SURFACE ROUTE.

2. ONLY TIME FERGUSON CAN MEET HOLMES IS IN LONDON ON JUNE 6.  
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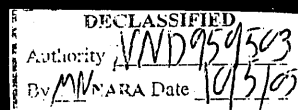
1. AMB FERGUSON AND PARTY RETURNED COTONOU FROM  
ENCLAVE MORNING JUNE 2. ARRIVED LAGOS 1300  
LOCAL JUNE 2.

2. APPOINTMENTS ARRANGED WITH ARIKPO AT 10:00 HRS.  
JUNE 3 AND WITH GEN GOWON AT 12:00 HRS.  
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FREY ICRC (PROTECT) TOLD GUTMAN IN ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE OF  
BRITISH TIP RECEIVED THIS AFTERNOON THAT FMG IS TRAINING SABOTAGE  
SQUAD COMPOSED OF DAHMOEYANS AND FERNANDO PO CITIZENS RESIDING  
IN NIGERIA. TEAMS WOULD INFILTRATE ICRC AIRLIFT MAINTENANCE  
CREWS AS EMPLOYEES IN ORDER SABOTAGE PLANES. ICRC PASSING INFO  
TO FIELD. FREY UNABLE OR UNWILLING GIVE FURTHER DETAILS.  
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Send copy of Plan to American Embassy The Hague immediately

c/o Arthur Breisky for information Ferguson and Schott Hague

Group Meeting June 5.

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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN ASSISTANCE TO NIGERIA/BIAFRA

REF: OSLO 1846, 2085 (NOTAL) AND 1880

1. FONOFF ANNOUNCED AT PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 30 PROPOSAL  
FOR 15 MILLION KRONER AID PACKAGE TO NIGERIA/BIAFRA  
CONSISTING 3,000 TONS STOCKFISH VALUED AT 12 MILLION  
KRONER, 2 MILLION KRONER TO DEFRAY COST PACKING AND SHIPPING  
FISH TO NORWEGIAN PORT, AND 1 MILLION KRONER CASH GRANT TO  
ICRC. STOCKFISH TONNAGE AND VALUE AID PACKAGE SAME AS  
REPORTED OSLO 1846. PROPOSAL REQUIRES PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL.  
BREAKDOWN AS FOLLOWS:

(A) ICRC WOULD RECEIVE ONE MILLION KRONER CASH GRANT AND  
500 TONS STOCKFISH PLUS ONE HALF MILLION KRONER TO DEFRAY

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COST PACKING AND SHIPPING FISH TO NORWEGIAN PORT. VALUE ICRC PACKAGE IS 3.5 MILLION KRONER.

(B) NORWEGIAN CHURCH EMERGENCY RELIEF (NCER) WOULD RECEIVE 2,500 TONS STOCKFISH PLUS 1.5 MILLION KRONER FOR COLLECTING, ETC. VALUE NCER PACKAGE 11.5 MILLION KRONER.

2. AT SAME PRESS CONFERENCE FONOFF ALSO ANNOUNCED GON PLANS TO SEND SEVEN-MAN OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO NIGERIA/BIAFRA FOR TWO-WEEK VISIT (OSLO 2085). DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST TWO PERSONS EACH FROM PARLIAMENT, FONOFF, FOREIGN AID DIRECTORATE AND ONE PERSON REPRESENTING NORWEGIAN YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS. ACCORDING FONOFF PRESS RELEASE, PURPOSE OF DELEGATION WOULD BE REPORT TO GON ON CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN NIGERIA/BIAFRA AND WOULD NOT RPT NOT ATTEMPT DETERMINE FUTURE AID REQUIREMENTS.

3. GON HAS, IN ADDITION, SENT PROPOSAL TO PARLIAMENT REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION CONTRIBUTE ADDITIONAL 2,000 TONS STOCKFISH TO WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (OSLO 1820). VALUE CONTRIBUTION ESTIMATED 10 MILLION KRONER.

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FOR DEPT U/CF: AID NIGERIA DESK

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF - STOCKFISH

1. AMMANN ICRC HAS JUST BEEN INFORMED BY DR. GEISEL JCA/STUTTGART THAT CHURCHES HAVE ACCEPTED NORWEGIAN OFFER OF 2500 TONS STOCKFISH. CHURCHES PAYING FREIGHT CHARGES ETC. THIS REPRESENTS ORIGINAL 3000 TONS OFFER TO ICRC AND CHURCHES LESS 500 TONS ACCEPTED BY ICRC. GEISEL EXPECTS FIRST SHIPMENT OF 500 TONS WILL ARRIVE SAO TOME LATE JULY, LAST SHIPMENT ETA OCTOBER. SAO TOME PRESENTLY COMPLETELY OUT OF FISH. JCA RELIES ON ICRC TO SUPPLY FISH NEEDS. ICRC RELIEF FLIGHTS RECENTLY CONSISTED 40 PERCENT FISH. TUBBY

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FOR FERGUSON

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF

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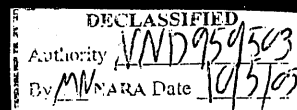
1. SUCCESSIVE REQUESTS FOR AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN MEETING AMB FERGUSON OVER PAST TWO WEEKS HAVE TAKEN FORM OF INVITATION FROM D'66 LEADER VAN MIERLO FOR MEETING WITH FERGUSON 10 A.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 5. WHILE MFA DOES NOT FAVOR SUCH CONTACT BECAUSE OF CONCERN THAT HAGUE GROUP ACTIVITIES WILL BE REVEALED PREMATURELY (AND NOT BY FONMIN LUNS), WE HAVE INFORMED THEM OF OUR BELIEF THAT BENEFIT OF INFORMATIVE BRIEFING ON SITUATION AS SEEN BY PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE ON BIAFRAN RELIEF WOULD BE MUTUAL AND THAT, IN ANY CASE, WE BELIEVE INVITATION SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED. VAN MIERLO SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO INVITE REPS OF OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES INCLUDING CATHOLIC PEOPLES PARTY AND LABOR PARTY REPS WHO HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, EXPECT SOME 7 OR 8 MPS IN ATTENDANCE FOR ESTIMATED 30-45 MINUTE MEETING JUNE 5. WE INFORMED VAN MIERLO WE WOULD TELEPHONE ON MORNING OF JUNE 3 AS TO WHETHER FERGUSON AGREES TO PROPOSED JUNE 5 MEETING. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY ASAP.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM NETHS TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION

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THAT HOMES OF INTERNATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS UNION IN  
PARIS CONSIDERS IT VITAL MEET WITH FERGUSON PRIOR HIS  
RETURN TO WASHINGTON. HOLMES PLANS CALL FERGUSON IN  
ROME OR GENEVA.

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1. 150 CHILDREN ARRIVED ABIDJAN DIRECT BIAFRA MAY 21. NONE RETURNED BIAFRA. 3 CENTERS OPERATING AT FULL CAPACITY, ABIDJAN-COCODY 300, GRAND BASSAM 180, BOUAKÉ 300. TOTAL 780. FOURTH CENTER YAMOUSSOUKRO COMPLETED BUT STILL UNOCCUPIED. REPORTED TO HAVE CAPACITY OF 1000.

2. MAIN ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT IVORIA  
RED CROSS AND MEDICAL  
SUPPORT COMMITTEE FOR BIAFRAN CHILDREN (REFTEL, REPAIR).  
FOREIGN PERSONNEL CURRENTLY INCLUDE 3 DOCTORS (FRENCH, CANADIAN, IRISH) AND AT LEAST 4 NURSES (2 AMERICAN) PLUS CONTINGENT OF BIAFRAN NURSES.

3. BETTER ORGANIZATION AND IMPROVED HEALTH OF CHILDREN HAVE REDUCED MEDICAL ASPECTS OF CARE. PROBLEMS NOW CENTER AROUND THE CHILDREN'S EDUCATION.  
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1. CWS advises that Pastor Mollerup had learned of Dawson conversation (of April 29 according to Cotonou 453) with Governor General, and was under impression one of subjects discussed was possibility of making some sophisticated fire fighting equipment available. Evidently Mollerup interested acquiring additional fire-fighting equipment and has resources anything has developed from available. He wishes ascertain whether/any developments of discussion re US acquisition such equipment, ~~US acquisition have been from discussion~~, before proceeding.
2. CWS has purchased new specially equipped Volkswagen fire truck for Sao Tome, now enroute.

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June 2, 1969

Honorable Tom Railsback  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515


Dear Congressman Railsback:

I have received your letter dated May 19 requesting an up-to-date report on the Nigerian/Biafran civil war and I am pleased to enclose the most recent Department statement on the conflict. It includes detailed information about the US contribution to the relief fund.

You may be interested to note that US support for relief in Nigeria/Biafra now totals over \$69 million in cash, food and medical supplies with the US Government donating \$59.4 million and American private voluntary agencies donating \$10.3 million.


Please continue to call upon me whenever you believe that we may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

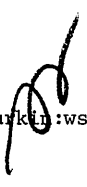
  
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May 19, 1969

Director, Congressional Liaison  
Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I would appreciate having an up-to-date report on the Nigerian-Biafran civil war. Please also furnish me with statistics on the level of assistance being provided at the present time by our country, both through voluntary efforts and any Government-support efforts. Thank you for your prompt assistance.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Tom Railsback*  
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Member of Congress

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REF: REYKUAVIK 268

SUBJ: STOCKFISH FOR NIGERIA

WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT REPEATING STATE 080584 TO OSLO AS WELL  
AS OTHER MESSAGES CONTAINING ANY HARD INFO RE OUR OWN PLANS  
AND PROJECTIONS (PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT ICELAND) SO THAT WE  
CAN BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO OBTAIN NEEDED INFO FROM NORWEGIANS.  
WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE REPLY TO QUERY PARA 7, OSLO 1820, AND  
PARA 3, OSLO 1197 SINCE FONOFF (WHICH HAS BEEN FULLY COOPERATIVE)  
HAS TWICE REQUESTED THIS INFO FROM US.  
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